

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. WRU-99-43-156 TF-99-287 TF-99-288
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER AND APPROVING TARIFFS

(Issued October 29, 1999)

On October 1, 1999, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of the provisions of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-19.4(11) and 20.4(12) that establish maximum consumption limits for participation in gas and electric budget billing. In conjunction with the waiver filing, MidAmerican filed proposed tariffs, identified as TF-99-287 and TF-99-288, that would allow it to offer budget billing to all customers. No objections to MidAmerican's filing were received.

Currently, the Board's rules set consumption limits for budget billing eligibility at less than 250 ccf per month for gas customers and less than 3,000 kWh per month for electric customers. In support of its waiver request, MidAmerican states it has offered budget billing to all customers in Illinois for 12 years and that there have been no significant problems. MidAmerican also said the waiver request was prompted by requests from larger customers for budget billing.

The Board will grant the waiver request and approve the proposed tariffs. Budget billing appears to be a billing option desired by some customers currently not eligible for the program. MidAmerican has experience with budget billing for all customers in Illinois and the billing option does not appear to have created significant problems.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request for waiver of the maximum consumption limits for budget billing filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on October 1, 1999, is granted to the extent discussed in this order.
2. Tariff filings TF-99-287 and TF-99-298 are approved, effective October 29, 1999, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of October, 1999.